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The one that is cheaper according to him, costs Rs. 21,43,000 and will supply Salem town alone; the other which will supply the villages also on the pipe line will cost Rs. 22,54,000. The working charges will come to Rs. 74,000 for the one scheme and Rs. 94,000 for the other scheme. The Municipal Council has been addressed on the 21st October last asking which of the two schemes it would take up and how it proposed to finance it.

"No doubt in the order it has been stated that they must be prepared to bear the major portion of the expenditure. They were asked to state definitely to what extent they can finance the scheme. The Government have not yet received their reply on these points, and after the reply is received, the Government will consider it as anxiously as possible. I can only say this: that Salem requires decent water-supply is recognized by all. Recently in reply to an address from the Salem people, when His Excellency visited that place, he said to the following effect: 'I feel sure that you will understand that, in these circumstances, it is somewhat premature for the Government to commit themselves as to the exact proportion of the amount of loan they will be able to give or as to the terms under which electric power can be supplied. You may however rest assured that I feel that there is imperative need for good water-supply and will do as much to help you.' I cannot add anything more to that. As to the suggestions made by my hon. Friend, Mr. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar, I shall certainly forward them to the Sanitary Engineer and ask him what remarks he has to offer on them."

Diwan Bahadur S. Ellappa Chettiyar:—"In view of the assurance given by the hon. Minister that he will expedite the scheme, I withdraw my motion."

The resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

The House then adjourned to meet again at 11 a.m. the next day.

V.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

1. [a] *Press Communiqués issued in connection with the meetings of the Retrenchment Committee held on the* 21*st to* 24*th and* 26*th October* 1931.

2. [b] *G.O. No.* 2496 *W., dated* 3*rd October* 1931, *issuing rules for the use of, and regulation of traffic on, the Nilambur-Kalikavu-Karuvarakundu Road.*

R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 473-476 infra.

[b] Published in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*